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- 2 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Good morning ladies and gentlemen. It's time now to begin our proceedings
- 3 this morning. It's after 9 o'clock. I'd like to remind you if you have cell phones or other
- 4 communication devises, please turn those off or put them on vibrate. I'll begin this morning by
- 5 asking the Board to please introduce themselves and I'll begin with Ms. Surratt.
- 6 **Rita Surratt**: I'm Rita Surratt; Public Member from Dickenson County.
- 7 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Paul Kugelman with the Virginia Attorney General's Office.
- 8 **Butch Lambert:** Butch Lambert with the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.
- 9 **Donnie Ratliff:** Donnie Ratliff, representing coal.
- 10 **Bill Harris:** I'm Bill Harris, a Public Member from Wise County.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Mary Quillen, Public Member.

#### 12 Item Number 1

- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you. We'll begin this morning with public comments and I see no one
- for public comments. We'll go on to Docket Item Number 2.

## 15 <u>Item Number 2</u>

- 16 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of
- escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of
- 18 Tract 1E, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties
- directly to the parties listed in the petition. Docket Number VGOB 98-0324-0628-06. All parties
- 20 wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** Morning.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Morning.
- 24 Sarah Gilmer: Ms. Duty, do you swear and affirm your testimony is the truth, the whole truth,
- and nothing but the truth?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 27 Mark Swartz: State your name for us please?
- 28 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 29 Mark Swartz: Who do you work for?

- 1 Anita Duty: CNX Land, LLC.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And are you here on behalf of the petitioner, CNX Gas Company, LLC today?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And this first item that we're on, Docket Item Number 2, pertains to drilling unit
- 5 X36, correct?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: And it is a request or petition for disbursement?
- 8 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And the factual basis for the request is that we have a gas claimant under the Act?
- 10 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: And we have a conflicting coal claimant that you mailed to, that was previously
- 12 dismissed. Correct?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 14 Mark Swartz: And that was Hurt McGuire?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** It was.
- 16 **Mark Swartz:** Have you prepared a Table 1, for disbursement?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 18 Mark Swartz: And it pertains to one tract?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** Yes. Tract 1E.
- 20 **Mark Swartz:** And who is to receive the disbursement?
- 21 Anita Duty: Richard Wade.
- 22 Mark Swartz: Have you provided his address?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: And you identified the wells that generated funds into the escrow account?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And, we have some kind of odd math there, in Table 1, don't we?
- 2 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 3 Mark Swartz: And we're not sure why?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** E-Forms.
- 5 Mark Swartz: E-Forms. We're blaming E-Forms.
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Okay, but it doesn't really matter because this person gets 100 percent of the
- 8 amount?
- 9 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: In escrow, the board order can still provide and there's an Exhibit E that shows
- that once that 100 percent disbursement is made, or all the funds are disbursed, escrow is no
- 12 longer required?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 14 Mark Swartz: And have you provided a going forward, Exhibit EE, that's modified as well?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- Mark Swartz: Okay, and we've got some discrepancies with Exhibit J, which I figure is why
- we're here?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And you highlighted those, as usual?
- 20 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 21 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> There's quite a number of them. Did they generate all told a difference between
- your calculations and estimated balance and the banks' balance, as of February 28, 2017. What
- 23 the difference?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** The bank has \$959.13 less than our calculation.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And, you went through and identified all of your royalty checks, correct?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** We did.
- 27 Mark Swartz: And then you went looking for deposits to try and balance that and were unable
- to do so, and you highlighted all those instances?

- 1 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 2 Mark Swartz: You provided the prior notice that you gave to the coal owner, but as we've
- 3 indicated, they were dismissed at a prior hearing on this unit?
- 4 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 6 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? That little error that you talked about, I guess
- 7 that's the 100 percent plus?
- 8 Mark Swartz: Yes, and our internal calculation, our spreadsheet, we show it works to 100.
- 9 There must be some [inaudible] or attempt to round or do something weird in the [inaudible] but
- in this case, it doesn't matter because it gets corrected to receive 100 percent.
- 11 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Okay. Any other questions from the Board? Anything further, Mr. Swartz? Do
- 12 I have a motion?
- 13 **Donnie Ratliff:** Motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 Bill Harris: Second.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All in favor,
- signify by saying yes.
- 17 **Board:** Yes.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [no response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.
- 19 Item Number 3
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of
- 21 escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 2A &
- 22 3A, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) Dismissal of coal owners as listed in the petition.
- Docket Number VGOB 00-0321-0781-05. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 25 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Tell us your name again.
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 28 Mark Swartz: And are you here on behalf of CNX Gas Company, LLC?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And this is a petition that you signed, requesting a disbursement from escrow?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Pertains to Unit R43?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And you've provided the reason why you're making this request and it's the
- 7 second page of the petition and it indicates that Coal Mountain Mining Company is the gas
- 8 claimant under the Act, and is entitled to 100 percent of the CBM royalties, right?
- 9 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And you've given notice to the conflicting coal owners, as required by the
- statute, and you got no response?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 13 Mark Swartz: And you have attached certificates, with regard to the notice to Hurt McGuire and
- 14 Coal Mountain. Right?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** I believe so. Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Let's turn to Table 1 then. This is a disbursement request that pertains to two
- 17 tracts; 2A...
- 18 **Anita Duty:** And 3A.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And 3A. And who is to receive the disbursements from those two tracts?
- 20 Anita Duty: Coal Mountain Mining, for both tracts.
- 21 **Mark Swartz:** And the address?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Post office box 675, Tazewell, VA 24651.
- 23 Mark Swartz: And this is a percentage disbursement request, and with regard to 2A, what is the
- 24 percentage that the escrow agent should use to calculate the check amount?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** 24.5067%.
- 26 Mark Swartz: And with regard to 3A, what's the percentage the escrow agent should use?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** 11.2658%.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And those percentages should be applied to the balance on hand, at the time the
- 2 checks are cut, and that will generate the proper dollar amount? You provided revised Exhibits
- 3 E, with regard to continued escrow requirements and Exhibits EE, with regard to going forward
- 4 payments?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And obviously you are requesting that you be allowed to pay the company
- 7 receiving the disbursements on a going forward basis?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: I think again, we've got Exhibit J is the reason that we're here. It starts at Page 74
- of the pdf. Did you go looking for every royalty check that your company issued?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** We did.
- 12 Mark Swartz: And did you look for corresponding deposits?
- 13 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 14 Mark Swartz: And there were differences, correct?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 **Mark Swartz:** And have you highlighted those generally?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** We have.
- 18 Mark Swartz: And there are quite a few early on and then there are some at Page 75 for
- 19 example, you noticed some differences but then you also noticed that subsequent entries
- 20 accounted for them and you bracketed those?
- 21 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 22 Mark Swartz: And then we've got another one in 2013, there was an issue but it looks like it got
- 23 pretty close.
- 24 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: You calculated your estimate as to what the balance in escrow should be and
- 26 compared that to the January 2017 First Bank and Trust balance. Was there a difference?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** The bank is actually showing \$616.55 more.
- 28 **Mark Swartz:** Than your estimate?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Okay, and then you have provided an affidavit, with regard to the mailing that's
- 3 required under the Act, to the coal claimants? Correct?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And that, again, was James McGuire Land Trust and Coal Mountain Mining?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: [Inaudible] and the sample letter you sent to them?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? Anything further, Mr. Swartz?
- 11 Mark Swartz: No.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 13 **Bill Harris:** Motion to approve.
- 14 **Donnie Ratliff:** Second, Mr. Chairman.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All in favor,
- signify by saying yes.
- 17 **Board:** Yes.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [no response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.
- 19 <u>Item Number 4</u>
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of
- escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 2C,
- 22 2D, 2G, & 5, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties
- 23 directly to the parties listed in the petition; and (3) Dismissal of Coal Owners listed in the
- petition. Docket Number VGOB 07-1113-2083-02. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 25 forward.
- 26 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty. Anita, could you state your name for us again?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 28 Mark Swartz: This is a petition that you signed, requesting a disbursement from escrow, right?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Pertains to what unit?
- 3 Anita Duty: VP8SGU5.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And it is a request for disbursement and dismissal, and the ability to pay directly,
- 5 going forward. Right?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: The reasons for the request are what?
- 8 Anita Duty: We have royalty split agreements and the House Bill.
- 9 Mark Swartz: You prepared a Table 1, with regard to the proposed disbursements?
- 10 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: That's at Page 12 of the pdf, and it pertains to several tracts, correct?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** It does.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Which tracts?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** 2C, 2D, 2G, and 5.
- 15 Mark Swartz: And this is a partial disbursement? There's still going to be escrow required,
- 16 going forward?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 18 Mark Swartz: With regard to each of the disbursements that you're requesting, have you given
- the names of the people who are to receive the disbursements?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 21 Mark Swartz: And for each person identified, have you also provided their mailing address?
- 22 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: And this is a percentage disbursement, right?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And so, for each person, with regard to each tract, you have provided a
- percentage that the escrow agent is to use to calculate the dollar amount when the disbursements
- are made?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And the percentage in the second column from the right-hand side of this table, is
- 3 the percentage the escrow agent should multiply times the balance in the escrow account on the
- 4 day that checks are cut?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And then with regard to some of the folks on the list, some of them we have some
- 7 affidavits toward the end, right?
- 8 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: Tracy Jackson and Bobby Jackson have both requested that the checks be made
- out to them, but mailed to Shae Cook. Right?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- Mark Swartz: And let's go back and look at Table 1. It looks like there's a, well, first of all, did
- you identify all of the royalty checks that the operator cut?
- 14 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: And then you went looking for deposits and you found deposits, but you found a
- discrepancy in one of the deposits?
- 17 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 18 **Mark Swartz:** Of, I guess, \$167.69?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** Yes. There was a typo. Looks like they transposed the numbers.
- 20 Mark Swartz: Okay, and then, which is corroborated by your calculation. Right?
- 21 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 22 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Okay. Did you try to estimate what your calculations would show as a balance?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: And then, did you compare that to the February 2017 First Bank and Trust
- 25 balance?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 27 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> And then when you did, what was the difference?
- 28 **Anita Duty:** The bank is showing \$14.31 more than our calculations.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And you've attached, as we've mentioned, the affidavit, which regard to payment
- 2 to Shea Cook. You also attached a copy of the split agreement? Right?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And then we've got a letter from Ms. Hunt, or at least a note from Ms. Hunt.
- 5 Right? Page 40? Checked directly?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Okay. We got Certification of Notice and back up for that, and the sample letter
- 8 to the coal owners. Correct?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Swartz?
- 12 **Mark Swartz:** No.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 14 **Bill Harris:** Motion for approval.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a second?
- 16 **Donnie Ratliff:** Second, Mr. Chairman.
- 17 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All in favor,
- signify by saying yes.
- 19 **Board:** Yes.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response]
- 21 **<u>Butch Lambert:</u>** Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That is approved.
- 22 Mark Swartz: Thank you.
- 23 <u>Item Number 5</u>
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for Pooling under Oakwood
- 25 Coalbed Methane Gas Field I. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4117. All parties wishing to
- 26 testify, please come forward.
- 27 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.

- 1 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Thank you. Anita, state your name for us again.
- 3 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Who do you work for?
- 5 Anita Duty: CNX Land, LLC.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And the applicant here is CNX Gas Company, LLC, right?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And are you here on their behalf?
- 9 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And the applicant here, this is a pooling request, as opposed to disbursement.
- 11 Right?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Okay, and what field?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** The Oakwood 1 Field.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Have you provided a plat map?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: And it shows that it's an 80-acre unit. Right?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And, we're talking about two wells, I think one that you have a permit, and then a
- 20 location exception already and one that you don't?
- 21 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 22 Mark Swartz: And neither one of them are in the drilling window, correct?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: They're both frack wells?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And why is it that they're located where they are?
- 2 **Anita Duty:** Due to active mining.
- 3 Mark Swartz: Okay. And with regard to the first request for location exception, which is on
- 4 Pages 11 and 12 of the pdf, that request actually shows some mining, with regard to the B40
- 5 location, correct?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: And so mining is what has driven the locations where you have them?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And that mining, do you know what... let's see what seam it's in?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** Jawbone.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Jawbone and Red Ash?
- 12 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Okay. Have you provided well cost estimates, with regard to both of the wells?
- 14 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 15 **Mark Swartz:** And the amount of those estimates is what?
- Anita Duty: For B40, the estimated cost is \$333,014.00; and for B40A \$343,195.00.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Have you identified all of the respondents in your application of notice?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: You don't want to dismiss any?
- 20 Anita Duty: No.
- 21 Mark Swartz: And you don't want to add any?
- 22 Anita Duty: No.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Okay. What did you do to tell the respondents there was going to be a hearing
- 24 today?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** We mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested on April 13, 2017.
- Published in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph on April 19, 2017.

- 1 Mark Swartz: The interest that an issue in this pooling application, is what percent?
- 2 Anita Duty: We have leased 82.85% of the oil and gas and seeking to pool 17.15%.
- 3 Mark Swartz: Is there an escrow requirement here?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** No.
- 5 Mark Swartz: There should be under the new poolings, right?
- 6 Anita Duty: Sometimes.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Rarely.
- 8 **Anita Duty:** If unknowns.
- 9 Mark Swartz: Only if unknowns? I'm sorry.
- 10 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: We don't have any unknowns here?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** No, we don't.
- 13 Mark Swartz: And the applicant here, CNX Gas Company, LLC, is also seeking, if the petition
- is approved, to be the operator? Correct?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And is CNX Gas Company a Virginia, Limited Liability Company?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 18 Mark Swartz: Is it authorized to do business in the Commonwealth?
- 19 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 20 Mark Swartz: Does it have a blanket bond on file?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: Has it registered with the DMME and the DGO?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Is one permit for B40 correct?

- 1 Anita Duty: There is?
- 2 Mark Swartz: And the Permit No.?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** 12414.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And the other well, as we mentioned a moment ago is not. Correct?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** Correct?
- 6 Mark Swartz: And what lease terms have you offered to the folks that you've been successful in
- 7 obtaining leases from?
- 8 Anita Duty: \$5.00 per acre, per year, with a 5-year paid-up term and a 1/8 royalty.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And would you recommend those terms to the Board for folks who might be
- deemed to be leased?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- Mark Swartz: Is it your opinion that drilling two frack wells in this unit is a reasonable way to
- develop the Coalbed Methane given the mining?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 15 Mark Swartz: And is it also your opinion that if you combine the leases that you've obtained
- from roughly 82% of the interest, if you combine those leases with the pooling order, pooling the
- 17 named respondents the correlative rights of everyone in this unit will be protected?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Swartz?
- 21 Mark Swartz: No.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 23 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Motion made for approval, Mr. Chairman.
- 24 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 25 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All
- in favor, signify by saying yes.

- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response]
- **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved. You all have a nice day.
- 4 Mark Swartz: You too.

#### 5 <u>Item Number 6</u>

- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for a Well Location Exception for
- 7 Well 900148. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4118. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 8 forward.
- **Sarah Gilmer:** Do you swear your testimony is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
- 10 truth?
- 11 <u>Tim Scott/Aaron Anderson:</u> I do.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Anderson, please state your name, by whom you're employed and your job
- 13 description.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 15 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** Are you familiar with the minerals underlying this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And are those mineral owners set forth on Exhibit B?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** They are.
- **Tim Scott:** Who operates the wells from which the well location exception is requested today.
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Tim Scott:** And with regard to this unit, EnerVest is both an owner and an operator. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** How did we notify the parties listed on Exhibit B that this hearing would occur
- 27 today?

- 1 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Certified mail.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And have we provided proof of our mailing to the Board?
- 3 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, we have.
- 4 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions/comments from the Board? [No response] You may continue,
- 6 Mr. Scott.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job description, please.
- 8 **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 9 Geology Advisor.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 11 **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 12 **Tim Scott:** And please explain to the Board why we're seeking well locations exceptions for this
- 13 particular unit today.
- 14 **Gus Janson:** The Board is receiving the Exhibit K, which will show the location of proposed
- well 900148. The location of this well has been selected to maximize the remaining resources
- available out here. As you can see, there's no location that would not infringe on at least one
- offsetting well in this area. So again, we put that tin the best location to maximize reserves, in the
- event we were not able to drill this well, we would strand approximately 108.39 acres of
- 19 resources.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What's the proposed depth of this well?
- 21 **Gus Janson:** 5,657 feet.
- 22 Tim Scott: And what would be the potential loss of reserves if our application isn't granted
- 23 today?
- 24 **Gus Janson:** Approximately 525 million cubic feet of gas.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** And in your opinion, if the Board grants our application, it would prevent waste,
- promote conservation, and protect correlative rights. Is that correct?
- 27 **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- 28 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Janson.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 2 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for this one, Mr. Chairman.
- 3 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 4 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 5 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 6 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- 7 saying yes.
- 8 **Board:** Yes.
- 9 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- 10 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- 11 **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That's approved.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 <u>Item Number 7</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for a Well Location Exception for
- Well 900149. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4119. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 16 forward.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, please state your name, by whom you're
- 20 employed and your job description, please.
- 21 **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 22 Landman.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 24 **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Are you familiar with the mineral ownership underlying this unit? Is that also
- 26 correct?
- 27 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And are those mineral owners listed on Exhibit B to our application?
- 2 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 3 **Tim Scott:** Who operates the wells from which the well location exception is requested?
- 4 **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 5 Tim Scott: And again, in this particular case, EnerVest is both an owner and an operator. Is that
- 6 correct?
- 7 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** As far as providing notice to this hearing to the parties listed on Exhibit B, how was
- 9 that done?
- 10 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Certified mail.
- 11 **Tim Scott:** And have we provided proof of our mailing to the Board?
- 12 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, we have.
- 13 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions/comments from the Board? [No response] You may continue,
- 15 Mr. Scott.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Janson, one more time, your name, by whom you're employed, and
- 17 your job description, please.
- 18 Gus Janson: My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the
- 19 Geology Advisor.
- 20 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 21 Gus Janson: I did.
- 22 **Tim Scott:** And would you please explain to the Board why we're seeking a well location
- 23 exception for this particular well?
- 24 Gus Janson: Yes. Again, if the Board would refer to Exhibit K, you'll see the location of
- proposed well 900149. And under the statewide spacing rules for conventional gas wells, there is
- 26 no location that would not infringe on at least one offsetting well in this area. And we've
- 27 positioned this well to maximize the recovery of the resources that are still available, and in the

- 1 event that we weren't able to approve this application today, we would be stranding
- 2 approximately [inaudible].
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What's the proposed depth of this well?
- 4 **Gus Janson:** 5,739 feet.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> In the event that the application was not granted today, what would be the potential
- 6 loss of reserves?
- 7 **Gus Janson:** Approximately 525 million cubic feet of gas.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** And if the Board grants our application, it's your opinion that it would prevent waste,
- 9 promote conservation, and protect correlative rights. Is that correct?
- 10 **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- 11 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- 12 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 13 **Bill Harris:** Mr. Chairman, a quick question: Gus, the last two maps in our Exhibit here on
- mining maps, could you just comment on that, because it says Exhibit L and the other one is not
- 15 numbered, but...
- Gus Janson: Right. There is a, the Board had requested us to provide, for your information, the
- 17 location of any active or abandoned mine works in this area.
- 18 **Bill Harris:** Yes.
- 19 **Gus Janson:** This particular well 900149 will be penetrating the abandoned mine works
- associated with the Cherokee Mine that was recently abandoned. So that's one reason we're back
- 21 active in this area is that mining has now been completed, so we were available to come in here
- 22 and start.
- 23 **Bill Harris:** Can you tell us why there are two maps? I'm trying to see.
- 24 **Gus Janson:** The second one, there's a small area associated with the lions or the eagle seams.
- 25 There has been some surface mining near the surface where this well is proposed, but this well is
- actually proposed on an abandoned mine bench, so there has been some active mine works under
- 27 the ridgetop, right nearby.
- 28 **Bill Harris:** You're saying there's two different mines?
- 29 **Gus Janson:** Two different abandoned sets of mine works and two different...
- 30 **Bill Harris:** Oh okay, so each one...okay.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Were they both surface mines?
- **Gus Janson:** They're both underground mine area.
- 3 Mary Quillen: They're both underground mine.
- **Gus Janson:** They're such small, contract sold mine, probably back in the 70's.
- **Mary Quillen:** Okay.
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Okay, I see now. Thank you.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any other questions? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 10 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 11 Bill Harris: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff.
- 18 Item Number 8
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for Pooling of Well No. VCI-
- 530475. Docket Number VGOB 170516-4120. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 21 forward.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Anderson, please state your name, by whom you're employed and
- your job description, please.

- 1 Aaron Anderson: My name's Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as
- 2 Associate Landman.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you're familiar with this application. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And where is this unit located?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- **Tim Scott:** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- **Tim Scott:** And EnerVest does have a substantial portion of this under lease, as well as, feasible
- ownership. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss any parties respondents listed on Exhibit B3 today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was notice of this hearing provided to those parties?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we've provided proof of that mailing to the Board. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Do you have any unknown parties in this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** They are.
- **Tim Scott:** Blanket bond on file. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if you were able to reach an agreement with the parties listed on Exhibit B3,
- 25 what lease terms would you offer?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year, paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Is that reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 83.07%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, that does include acreage that EnerVest owns in fee simple. Is that
- 7 correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 16.93%.
- **Tim Scott:** You indicated we have no unknowns. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, there is no escrow requirement. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Right.
- **Tim Scott:** You're asking the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And EnerVest be named the operator of this unit?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if the Board grants our application today and we send out orders for elections
- to be made, what address should we use for making any elections under the order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC, 406 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210;
- 22 Attention Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And that would be the address for all communications regarding this unit. Is that
- 24 right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.

- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 2 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and
- 4 your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 6 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the proposed well depth of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, the proposed depth is 2,118 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 785 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** And are you also familiar with the cost?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry-hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry-hole cost is \$162,500.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$381,650.00.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you also participated in the preparation of AFE. Correct?
- 20 Gus Janson: I did.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And it was attached to our application as Exhibit C, is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** In your opinion, if the application is granted today, would it prevent waste, promote
- 24 conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** It will. Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? Mr. Cooper, do you have information on the
- 2 Levisa Coal Company, regarding this?
- 3 **Rick Cooper:** Yes, I have a letter that was sent in from John Ervin. He's the managing general
- 4 partner for Levisa Coal, and he wanted to put on record, so I'll just...it's just two sentences or so
- 5 this particular well we're talking about here and it also has the same issue with Docket Number
- 6 11, but I don't believe 11 is an issue because that permit has also been approved and its consent
- 7 to stimulate was in there, but his letter says that "Levisa Coal Company is a coal owner within
- 8 750 feet of the proposed well and wants to be on record with the Virginia Gas and Oil Board
- 9 that Levisa below drainage coal is unleased on these tracts and Levisa Coal has not provided the
- operator, EnerVest Operating, LLC, with a consent to stimulate." I'm not sure how we address
- that, but we do not have a consent to stimulate on that particular application we're talking about.
- We have it, we're reviewing it, we have not approved it, but the other item, Item Number 11, has
- been approved since January. So, we're good to go with 11.
- 14 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** So, the permit for 11 has been issued since January?
- 15 **Rick Cooper:** For Docket Item Number 11, yes.
- Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Okay, that's what I wanted to make sure I was clear on. So, it's just
- Number 8 where we don't have a permit right now?
- 18 **Rick Cooper:** That is correct. We have a permit; we have an application, we have not approved
- 19 it.
- 20 Gus Janson: We're working with Mr. Ervin to obtain that consent and we understand that it
- 21 doesn't have anything to do with the pooling, the application we have here today and it will be a
- 22 permitting issue and it will be addressed before the permit issued.
- 23 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Okay, because I was going to say, that doesn't stop the pool.
- 24 **Gus Janson:** Right. Correct.
- 25 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: But, I didn't know how that objection to consent to stimulate, I though,
- anyway. So, you all are working on that, and that's a different issue?
- 27 Gus Janson: Yes sir.
- 28 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Okay.
- 29 **Butch Lambert:** Anything else, Mr. Cooper?
- 30 **Rick Cooper:** No.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr.
- 2 Scott?
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have on this one, Mr. Chairman?
- 4 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 5 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 6 **Bill Harris:** I'll second that.
- 7 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- 8 saying yes.
- 9 **Board:** Yes.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- 11 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- Butch Lambert: One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- 13 <u>Item Number 9</u>
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for Pooling of Well No. VCI-
- 15 530473. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4121. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 16 forward.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, one more time, your name, by whom
- 20 you're employed and your job description, please.
- 21 **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as
- 22 Associate Landman.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- 24 **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** And where's this unit located?
- 26 **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- 27 <u>Tim Scott:</u> How many acres does it contain?

- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Now, as with previous applications, EnerVest is both an owner and an operator in
- 3 this unit. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Are we going to dismiss any parties respondents listed on Exhibit B3 today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And with regard to how the parties were notified of this hearing, how was that done?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And have we provided proof of mailing to the Board?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** We have.
- **Tim Scott:** Do we have any unknown owners in this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Does EnerVest have a Blanket Bond on file with the department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We do.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, if you were able to reach an agreement with the parties listed on Exhibit B3,
- what lease terms would you offer to those parties?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year, paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Do you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 94.11%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, that does include fee simple ownership. Is that right?

- 1 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- 3 **Aaron Anderson:** 5.89%.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> We don't have an escrow requirement. Is that right?
- 5 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** You're asking the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- 7 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit? Is that also correct?
- 9 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 10 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And if the Board grants our application today and we send out the orders for the
- parties to make elections, what would be the address for making any elections pursuant to any
- order entered by this Board?
- 13 **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC, 408 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210;
- 14 Attention Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 15 **Tim Scott:** And that should be the address for all communications regarding this unit?
- 16 **Aaron Anderson:** It should.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, again your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- 20 description, please.
- 21 Gus Janson: My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the
- 22 Geology Advisor.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 24 Gus Janson: I did.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the proposed well depth of this unit?
- 26 **Gus Janson:** Yes, the proposed depth is 2,529 feet.

- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 515 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of the AFE. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, you're familiar with the cost?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry-hole cost of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** \$150,900.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$358,350.00.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And in your opinion, if the Board grants our application, it would prevent waste,
- promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 16 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to approve.
- **Bill Harris:** I'll second that, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- 21 saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.

#### Item Number 10

- 2 Butch Lambert: A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for Pooling of Well No. VCI-
- 3 538428. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4122. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 4 forward.

- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **<u>Butch Lambert:</u>** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Mr. Anderson, your name, by whom you're employed and your job description.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson with EnerVest Operating, LLC, as an Associate
- 9 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- **Tim Scott:** And it's in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, EnerVest is both a lessee and an owner in this unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, you've made some leasing efforts since this application was filed. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we're going to dismiss a couple of the parties listed on Exhibit B3. Is that also
- 21 correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Who are those parties?
- **Aaron Anderson:** It's going to be William Monroe, Jr. and Sherry Johnson.
- **Tim Scott:** And with regard to the parties listed on Exhibit B3, how was notice of this hearing
- 26 provided to those parties?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: By certified mail with a Return Receipt Requested.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And have we provided proof of mailing to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And EnerVest has a Blanket bond on file. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if you were able to reach an agreement with those parties listed on Exhibit B3,
- 9 what lease terms would you offer those parties?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year, paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay, now what percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease or has
- 14 fee simple ownership?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 99.85518987%.
- 16 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And that's a new percentage based on your leasing efforts. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 0.14481013%.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> You don't have any unknowns. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, there is no escrow requirement?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you requesting the Board to pool the parties listed on Exhibit B3?

- 1 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you're requesting that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit? Is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- 5 **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application today and we send out the orders for the parties
- 6 listed on Exhibit B3 to make elections, what would be the address to use for making any
- 7 elections?
- 8 Aaron Anderson: EnerVest Operating, LLC, 408 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210;
- 9 Attention Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** And that should be the address for all communications with regard to this pooling
- order. Is that correct?
- 12 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 13 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 15 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- 16 description, please.
- Gus Janson: My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 18 Geology Advisor.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 20 Gus Janson: I did.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** So, you're familiar with the proposed well depth of this unit?
- 22 **Gus Janson:** Yes.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** And what would that be?
- 24 **Gus Janson:** The proposed depth is 3,202 feet.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- 26 **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 915 million cubic feet of gas.
- 27 **Tim Scott:** You also assisted in the preparation of the AFE that was submitted with our
- application. Is that right?

- **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, you're familiar with the well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry-hole?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry-hole cost is \$174,800.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated completed well cost is \$503,900.00.
- **Tim Scott:** So, in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would prevent waste,
- 9 promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- **Bill Harris:** Mr. Chairman, let me just ask about the location of the well. I notice that it's outside
- of the main window there. Let me make sure I have the right one. Okay, I'm looking at the plat.
- **Gus Janson:** Yes sir.
- **Bill Harris:** And we're looking at the CMB, that one that's at about 5 o'clock.
- **Gus Janson:** Yes sir.
- **Bill Harris:** Is there a reason why that could not.
- **Gus Janson:** Without looking specifically at the permit application, I believe my recollection is
- that there is some total graph restraints in here and there also some residents living in the area.
- 21 We're trying to work with those people in there to get the location [inaudible].
- **Bill Harris:** Okay, thank you. I just thought I'd ask.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr.
- 24 Scott?
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 27 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Motion to approve.

- 1 Bill Harris: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- 3 saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.
- 8 <u>Item Number 11</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for Pooling of Well No. VCI-
- 538847. Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4123. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 11 forward.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Mr. Anderson, you're on deck.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson with EnerVest Operating, LLC, and I'm employed as an
- 16 Associate Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Where's this unit located?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- **Tim Scott:** How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- **Tim Scott:** We have the same situation here where EnerVest is both an owner and a lessee. Is
- 24 that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, are we going to dismiss any parties respondent listed on Exhibit B3 today?

- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And how was the notice of this hearing provided to the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By certified mail with a Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we've provided proof of mailing to the Board? Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Do we have any unknown owners in this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 8 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** They are.
- **Tim Scott:** And is there a Blanket Bond on file with the department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes, there is.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, one of the things you just passed out, we had some mathematical errors. Is that
- 13 correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we've provided to the Board a revised Exhibit B and B3. Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** But no new notice is required, just some mathematical changes. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And those will be reflected in the statements regarding the percentage of leased
- verses unleased. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, if you were able to reach an agreement with those parties listed on B3, what
- would the terms be?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year, paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay, and what percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?

- 1 **Aaron Anderson:** 80.96%.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you consider these terms to be fair and adequate. Is that correct?
- 3 Aaron Anderson: Yes, I do.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- 5 **Aaron Anderson:** 19.04%.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** And we do not have an escrow requirement? Is that right?
- 7 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 8 **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** You're asking the Board to pool the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- 9 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit?
- 11 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> If the Board grants our application today and orders are sent out with the election
- options for parties listed on Exhibit B3, what address would be used for making any elections
- under an order entered by this Board?
- 15 **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC, 408 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210;
- 16 Attention Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** And that should be the address for all communications regarding this unit order?
- 18 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 21 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Mr. Chairman, let me just ask a question for clarification: on Exhibit B, which is
- Page Number 10, it says coal estate only. Down at the bottom, it has total gas estate for that. Is
- 23 that correct in terms of nomenclature there?
- 24 **Aaron Anderson:** I just handed out a new Exhibit B.
- 25 **Mary Quillen:** Here is the new one.
- **Tim Scott:** He's talking about with the total, the page before that. The one with total ownership.

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes, we've got a coal estate in this one as well. I don't have it in front of me,
- 2 I don't think.
- 3 <u>Bill Harris:</u> It's our Page Number 10. What you handed out doesn't address the coal estate
- 4 aspect of it.
- 5 **Aaron Anderson:** Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, I can change that to total coal estate at the bottom.
- 6 <u>Bill Harris:</u> That should say, I noticed the last one or two actually had the same thing
- 7 Aaron Anderson: Yes sir. I'll revise that and send something into the Board.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** So, the percentage is for both the lease is the same for the coal estate and the oil and
- 9 gas estate. Is that right, Mr. Anderson?
- 10 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- 11 <u>Bill Harris:</u> I'm told the last three actually were misnamed in that section.
- 12 **Aaron Anderson:** Okay.
- 13 **Bill Harris:** Okay.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** You'll get them all fixed and resubmit, Mr. Anderson. Is that correct?
- 15 **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- 16 **Bill Harris:** Thank you.
- 17 **Butch Lambert:** Also, I'm looking at B3 that you handed out and the B3 that's in our package,
- and I don't...is there a difference in the two? I can't find...
- 19 **Aaron Anderson:** I think it was just an address difference for Amy Combs and Eric Combs.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** No, those are the same.
- 21 **Aaron Anderson:** Okay. Maybe the B3 didn't change. I'm sorry, sir.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** B3 did not change?
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Did not change.
- 24 Sarah Gilmer: The document submitted in your all's packet is the same one that they passed out
- 25 to you today.

- **Butch Lambert:** Okay. Thank you.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I didn't know if we'd get that one in under the radar or not.
- **Butch Lambert:** Okay, thank you. Any other questions from the Board? [No response]
- 4 Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have on this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Bill Harris:** Motion to approve.
- 8 Mary Quillen: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All in favor,
- signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response]
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** One abstention. Mr. Ratliff.
- 15 <u>Item Number 12</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for Pooling of Well No. Haysi-156.
- 17 This is Docket Number VGOB 17-0516-4124. All parties wishing to testify, please come
- 18 forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Anderson, one more time. Your name, by whom you're employed and your job
- description please.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson with EnerVest Operating, LLC. Employed as an Associate
- 24 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** You're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.

- **Tim Scott:** And where is this unit located?
- **Aaron Anderson:** In the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> How many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.77.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Are we going to dismiss any parties respondent today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** How was notice of this hearing provided to those parties, listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By certified mail with a Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** We do have some unknowns, is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** So, additional notice was effected, and how was that done?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Publication in the *Bluefield Daily Telegraph* on April 28, 2017.
- **Tim Scott:** Now have you provided proof of mailing and proof of publication to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** So, we do have unknowns in this unit. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** You've provided the Board with your attempt to locate these parties. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, EnerVest is authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth. Is that
- 20 right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And there is a bond on file with the department. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.

- **Tim Scott:** As to the lease terms that you would offer to the parties listed on Exhibit B3, what
- 2 would those lease terms be?
- 3 Aaron Anderson: \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year, paid-up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 99.30406651%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, that includes both fee simple ownership and ownership based on, or lease
- 9 hold estate ownership. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 0.6936096154%.
- **Tim Scott:** And we do have an escrow requirement?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And what tract or tracts in the unit require the escrow?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Tract 2.
- **Tim Scott:** And what's the total percentage of the unit that would be subject to escrow?
- **18 Aaron Anderson:** 0.18453526%.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Are you requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit? Is that correct?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application today and we send out the orders for the parties on
- 24 Exhibit B3 to make their elections, what would be the address to use for any party making an
- 25 election?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: EnerVest Operating, LLC, 408 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210;
- 2 Attention Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And that would be the address for all correspondence regarding this order in the unit.
- 4 Is that right?
- 5 **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 7 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Janson, one more time; name, by whom you're employed, and your
- 9 job description.
- 10 Gus Janson: My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as the
- 11 Geology Advisor.
- 12 **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- 13 Gus Janson: I did.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** So, you're familiar with the proposed well depth?
- 15 **Gus Janson:** Yes. Proposed well depth is [inaudible].
- 16 **Tim Scott:** And you're also familiar with the estimated reserves of this unit. Is that right?
- 17 **Gus Janson:** Yes, the reserves estimated are 610 million cubic feet of gas.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** Okay, and you participated in the preparation of the AFE. Is that right?
- 19 Gus Janson: I did.
- 20 **Tim Scott:** So, you're familiar with the well cost?
- 21 **Gus Janson:** I am.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What's the estimated dry-hole cost for this well?
- 23 **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry-hole cost is \$142,000.00.
- 24 **Tim Scott:** And the completed well cost?
- 25 **Gus Janson:** Is \$348,350.00.

- 1 **Tim Scott:** And, in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would prevent waste,
- 2 promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- 3 **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 4 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- 5 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 6 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have on this, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 8 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve.
- 9 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, signify by
- 11 saying yes.
- 12 **Board:** Yes.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- 14 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** Thank you.

#### 17 Item Number 13

- 18 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- known owners in Tract 3, pursuant to HB 2058. Docket Number VGOB 98-0818-0678-02. All
- 20 parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 23 Sarah Gilmer: Do you swear and affirm your testimony is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
- 24 but the truth?
- 25 **Chuck Akers:** I do.
- 26 **Tim Scott:** Mr. Akers, please state your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- 27 description, please.

- 1 Chuck Akers: My name is Chuck Akers, or Charles T. Akers; Land Manager, EnerVest
- 2 Operating.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this disbursement request. Is that correct?
- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what's the basis for this disbursement today?
- 6 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Action Number CL-16-115.
- **Tim Scott:** And once this application is approved and disbursements are made, will this escrow
- 8 account be closed for this unit?
- 9 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> No, it will still remain open, there are some unknown owners.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. Once the escrow account is disbursed for this Tract 3, will these parties then
- received their royalty checks directly? Is that correct? This is for royalty payments. Is that right?
- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest records with the records of the escrow agent?
- **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?
- **Chuck Akers:** It was to the positive of \$190.14.
- **Tim Scott:** And what's the date of that reconciliation?
- **Chuck Akers:** August 31, 2017.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- **Butch Lambert:** Chairman just noticed that one below or one of the parties leased to, is actually
- an uncle of his, so I'll ask Ms. Quillen, will you take this one for me please?
- 22 Mary Quillen: Oh, I'm sorry. Where are we on that?
- **Butch Lambert:** With "from the Board".
- **Mary Quillen:** Any questions from the Board?
- **Bill Harris:** I do have one, Ms. Chairman. On the, there is a yellow indication on the plat map. I
- 26 know you all weren't talking about the plat map, but can you tell us something about the
- significance of that? And also, I guess there's a supplemental for this. I guess I'm on the right,

- yeah, Number 13 item, yes. There's a, I guess Tract 2. I'm not sure what the numbers mean. Let
- 2 me give you a page reference. 3 of 20, but that's in yellow. I'm trying to just relate the yellow
- 3 markings on the plat map and the, yeah, I see now. It's Tract 3. So, I'm trying to figure out what
- 4 the yellow means.
- 5 **Chuck Akers:** I apologize. I don't have the plat in front of me.
- 6 **Bill Harris:** Charles Duggard Grizzle [inaudible] heirs.
- 7 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Oh, okay. It's just leniting the mineral ownership line between the two tracts
- 8 where Tract 3 is located.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And that is the subject of this disbursement.
- 10 **Bill Harris:** And that's what's being disbursed?
- 11 **Tim Scott/Chuck Akers:** Yes sir.
- 12 **Tim Scott:** That's correct.
- 13 **Bill Harris:** Okay, okay. I see.
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's been done on all these.
- 15 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> They've all been, the ones that...[inaudible] the note is the same way. The
- mineral tract is highlighted on there.
- 17 **Bill Harris:** Okay, okay, okay. I was just not familiar with that. That's okay. I saw it and it
- wasn't addressed in the testimony so I just wanted to make sure what was happening. That was
- 19 all that I had.
- 20 Mary Quillen: Any other questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue Mr. Scott.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 22 Mary Quillen: Are you ready to, oh. I ask for a motion to approve.
- 23 **Bill Harris:** I'll move for approval of that item.
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** We don't have to vote.
- 25 Rita Surratt: Second.
- 26 Mary Quillen: Second? Okay, we have a motion and a second. All in favor, respond by saying
- 27 yes.
- 28 **Board:** Yes.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Opposed, no? [No response] Any abstentions?
- 2 **Butch Lambert:** Two abstentions, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Ratliff.
- 3 Mary Quillen: So, noting. All in favor, oh, we've already voted. Thank you. You have approval.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Madam Chairman.
- 5 **Mary Quillen:** Sorry.
- 6 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Ms. Quillen.

## 7 <u>Item Number 14</u>

- 8 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- 9 known owners in Tract 2, pursuant to HB 2058. Docket Number VGOB 99-0720-0737-01. All
- those wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 11 **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 12 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, Mr. Akers, your name, by whom you're
- employed, and your job description, please.
- 15 Chuck Akers: My name is Charles T. Akers; my occupation is Land Manager with EnerVest
- 16 Operating, LLC.
- 17 **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with the disbursement request for this unit. Is that correct?
- 18 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> That is correct.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** And again, what's the basis for this disbursement?
- 20 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Again, it a final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Number CL-16-115.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** If the application is approved and disbursements are made, will this close the escrow
- 22 account for this unit?
- 23 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 24 **Tim Scott:** Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for Tract 2, will these parties then
- 25 received their royalty checks directly?
- 26 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 27 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest escrow figures with those of the escrow agent?

- 1 Chuck Akers: Yes.
- 2 **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?
- 3 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> To the negative of \$46.84. [Inaudible]
- 4 **Tim Scott:** And what's the date of that reconciliation?
- 5 **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 7 **Butch Lambert:** Ms. Quillen, would you also take this one, please? Lambert Land Company to
- 8 a cousin of mine, of the Chairman.
- 9 Mary Quillen: Okay, are there any questions from the Board?
- 10 **Bill Harris:** Ms. Chairman, I do have a question about Exhibit J. I believe this is where the
- deposits indicated, I guess the format is a little different than what we've seen previously. The
- last page of that, that gives a difference, I notice you're using market value as the comparison
- there, rather than the bank balance. Is that, for our purposes, is that the same thing? What I'm
- saying is, I see a total of \$380.64. I presume that's what's been deposited in the account. Then I
- see ending market value, but the beginning market value is \$427.05. Is there some reason why
- those aren't closer or the same?
- 17 **Chuck Akers:** There's another deposit of \$0.43, I think, that adds to that, that gets it up to that
- 18 \$427.51.
- 19 **Bill Harris:** Okay, I guess I'm just confused. Is the beginning market value that's what shown by
- the bank? I mean, I just see two sets of numbers. Like I said, the format is not quite what we've
- 21 seen from other petitions.
- 22 Mary Quillen: It appears there was \$46.87 difference between what the deposits were and what
- the bank has.
- **Bill Harris:** Now that's in parentheses. I'm sorry, did you have a...
- 25 Mary Quillen: No, no. That's...
- 26 **Bill Harris:** I'm trying to figure out what information we're being given and why there's a
- 27 difference. Were you able to determine if the bank did not show the same amounts of deposits
- and the dates? I mean, what I see is a list of, presumably, deposits and it's \$380.64.
- 29 **Chuck Akers:** Yes, that's our records, what we're showing as deposits.

- Bill Harris: But then the beginning market value. See that to me is confusing because, are you
- 2 saying this is what the bank is showing as the balance at the same time, or the \$427.51, that's the
- 3 other \$0.43.
- 4 **Chuck Akers:** The \$427 is what the bank is showing and what we show is the \$380.
- 5 <u>Bill Harris:</u> See, that's not real clear looking at that, but go ahead.
- 6 Mary Quillen: So, the bank is showing \$46.87 more than what your figure are. Is that correct?
- 7 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 8 Mary Quillen: Oh, okay.
- 9 **Tim Scott:** I don't know if this helps the Board, but is disbursed directly to us. We would be the
- only, EnerVest Operating is receiving these funds.
- 11 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Well, okay, I understand that, but the difference being in parentheses.
- 12 **Mary Quillen:** Yeah.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> We'll clarify that with Exhibit J, showing instead of market value, we'll show that
- ending balance with escrow agent so that's clear for you.
- Bill Harris: Yeah, and again, we don't have to be dictated necessarily by some other companies
- representation of this, but we've just been accustomed to seeing this information presented a
- 17 little differently. Almost a month by month, you know the company shows this being deposited,
- the bank shows this amount being deposited, and then you can sort of tract the discrepancies.
- 19 **Mary Quillen:** It's like a double entry type system.
- 20 **Tim Scott:** Well that's fine if we're not having to deal with Wachovia or First Union. I mean,
- 21 with First Bank it's great, but with the other two banks, as you all remember, Atlas, the difficulty
- 22 is if we know what those balances are, but if it's available to do the double entry, I'm definitely
- able to do that, but if it's having to go back to the original escrow agent, it would be an
- 24 impossible task because their records were so poor.
- 25 **Bill Harris:** Yes.
- 26 Mary Quillen: Right, right, right.
- 27 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> That generally has been the problem.
- 28 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.

- Bill Harris: But I think as you suggested at the end, that's the total according to your records
- being deposited and then the market value is the bank balance for that account.
- 3 Mary Quillen: I think just clarifying that would certainly...
- 4 **Tim Scott:** Just identifying it?
- 5 Mary Quillen: Yeah, knowing what the total payments were, your deposits were, and what your
- 6 ending bank balance is, and that's going to clarify that.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Yes ma'am. Okay.
- 8 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Just one other quick comment. I'm sorry, yes, go ahead.
- 9 Sarah Gilmer: I think where the confusion is coming in, Jody at the bank, the language she used
- on her monthly spreadsheet [inaudible] market value for her balance.
- 11 **Bill Harris:** Oh, okay.
- 12 **Sarah Gilmer:** That's where they got their language from, it was off of her spreadsheet.
- 13 **Bill Harris:** Okay.
- 14 **Sarah Gilmer:** That means the same thing.
- 15 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Okay, we just need that connection.
- 16 **Sarah Gilmer:** That's where they got it from.
- 17 **Bill Harris:** Okay, but one last thing about the difference, again, when I see \$46.87 in
- parentheses, to me it means that your account is short, and maybe that's just my interpretation.
- 19 \$46.87 compared to the banks' balance, but...
- 20 Mary Quillen: But actually, the bank is showing more...
- 21 **Bill Harris:** Showing more.
- 22 Mary Quillen: more than the deposits, which is probably accounted for by interest, if the bank is
- 23 showing more.
- **Tim Scott:** More has been the case in the past, they've deposited amounts in the wrong accounts.
- 25 **Bill Harris:** Yes.
- 26 **Mary Quillen:** Right.
- 27 **Bill Harris:** But, I think I'm questioning the word difference and then the difference being
- 28 negative. I guess...

- 1 Mary Quillen: Yeah.
- 2 <u>Bill Harris:</u> I'm sorry, well, in parentheses. I guess I think of a negative balance is, my
- 3 checkbook shows \$300.00 and the bank shows \$280.00. So, to me, that would be \$20.00 in
- 4 parentheses. If the bank shows, you know, I show \$300.00 and they show \$320.00, to me, that
- 5 would be a positive amount. I guess I'm questioning the use of the parentheses there for the fact
- 6 that the bank balance is greater than your balance. And, if that's what you want to use, that's
- 7 fine, it's just a little. I don't know what others think about...am I just.
- 8 Sarah Gilmer: I think the reason they probably did it that way is that the account appears to
- 9 have an extra \$46.87 for the bank, but on their end, it's...
- 10 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** So, it's your point of view?
- 11 **Rick Cooper:** That is correct, Mr. Harris. They're looking at it at an EnerVest point of view and
- it's a bit confusing, I guess.
- 13 Mary Quillen: Right. We had this conversation before with other, you know, why is this like
- 14 this.
- 15 **Sarah Gilmer:** CNX started doing theirs the opposite way after you all talk to them about that.
- 16 Mary Quillen: Exactly, after we had that conversation.
- 17 Sarah Gilmer: You can sort of look at it and tell there's \$46.87 extra in the account.
- 18 Mary Quillen: Exactly. And now that we understand that ending market value is the same as the
- bank balance. I think that we all, we have no problem with it.
- 20 **Bill Harris:** I think we're okay. I was just a little confused about the parentheses there. And I'm
- sure all of these probably have that difference shown there, but we just have to remember that.
- 22 **Mary Quillen:** Are there any other questions from the Board?
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Going forward, we can switch it that way.
- 24 <u>Bill Harris:</u> No, all I'm saying is, well, to me it was just confusing to see that in parentheses
- because usually when I see it in parentheses, it means that we're short, company wise. We're
- short of the bank balance, and that's just my, maybe my interpretation of it. And I'm not saying,
- 27 I'm not sure what I'm asking for there except, again it depends on your point of view. If you're
- looking at it from EnerVest's point of view, I would think that would be a positive number
- 29 instead of a negative number. And I'm not arguing that, I'm just saying that it's just a little
- 30 confusing when I see, because when I look down at the end and see negative, well again, I'm
- 31 calling it negative because that's generally what the parentheses mean, well again, going
- 32 forward, I think we'll understand that.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Are there any other questions?
- 2 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** I'll leave it alone.
- 3 Mary Quillen: You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 4 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have Madam Chairman.
- 5 **Mary Quillen:** Do I have a motion for approval.
- 6 <u>Bill Harris:</u> I'll make a motion for approval, Ms. Chairman.
- 7 **Mary Quillen:** Second?
- 8 Rita Surratt: Second.
- 9 Mary Quillen: Second? We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, respond by saying
- 10 yes.
- 11 **Board:** Yes.
- Mary Quillen: Opposed, no? [No response] Abstentions?
- 13 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Two abstentions, Mr. Lambert.
- 15 Mary Quillen: Two abstentions.
- **Butch Lambert:** And Ms. Quillen, Lambert Land is in the next one. That's my cousin, so you
- mind taking Number 15?
- 18 Mary Quillen: Okay, I'll try to stumble through this one a little better. Let me get that pulled up.
- 19 Item Number 15
- 20 Mary Quillen: A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all known
- owners in Tract 1, Unit 504660. Docket Number VGOB 01-0918-0926-01. All those wishing to
- speak to this item, please come forward.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 24 Mary Quillen: You may continue.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Akers, again, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- description, please.
- 27 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Charles T. Akers; Land Manager with EnerVest Operating, LLC.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you're familiar with the disbursement request. Is that right?
- 2 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 3 **Tim Scott:** And again, what's the basis for this disbursement?
- 4 Chuck Akers: A final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Action Number CL-16-115.
- 5 **Tim Scott:** And that was the nature of a ownership dispute. Is that correct?
- 6 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 7 Tim Scott: Okay, and once this application is approved or if it's approved and disbursements are
- 8 made, will this escrow account for this unit be closed?
- 9 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for this particular, will these parties
- then received their royalty checks directly?
- 12 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest account with that of the escrow agent?
- 14 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yes. The escrow account is to the positive of \$206.41.
- 15 **Tim Scott:** Okay, and what's the date of that reconciliation?
- 16 **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- 17 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 18 **Mary Quillen:** Any questions from the Board?
- 19 **Bill Harris:** You know I'm going to have one. Ms. Chairman, let me ask about the, again this is
- 20 Tract 1, I cannot find Tract 1 on the plat. Could you maybe, I guess you don't have the plat in
- 21 front of you?
- 22 **Chuck Akers:** I can walk over.
- 23 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Well, either, yeah, that would work. I'm just trying to find. I think the other two
- were in yellow, that's what I had asked about earlier.
- 25 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Well site. It's generally Tract 1. It's located on a, you can see the service tract.
- Those are on the plan right there. The mineral tract is noted by a different dash line, which is
- 27 right there.

- 1 Mary Quillen: This is outside the window, correct?
- 2 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 3 Mary Quillen: Okay.
- 4 **Chuck Akers:** Outside the interior window.
- 5 Mary Quillen: I figured that's what it was. Was that tract right up through here, on the side.
- 6 Right there.
- 7 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yeah, this is an older plat.
- 8 Mary Quillen: Okay.
- 9 **Bill Harris:** Okay, and of course, the other question is about the reconciliation at the end. So,
- this shows total payments \$32,125.19 and then escrow agent summary, that again is the bank
- balance, \$32,331.60, which is a difference of \$206, so that shows the...well, now in that case,
- the bank. It's different from the last one though, right? Cause the last one the excess was shown
- in parentheses.
- Mary Quillen: Actually, the bank is showing \$206.41 more than your payments.
- 15 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Right, it's positive. That's why, when the question was asked, it's been escrow
- accounts to the positive \$206.41.
- 17 **Bill Harris:** So, this is different than, well, it's the same situation, just not in parentheses. I guess
- this is, this is what I would, I guess I would expect this to see the number not in parentheses, that
- indicates that the bank shows more money than you all have deposited, for whatever reason. But,
- that's why the other one was confusing was because, in that case, the bank showed more than
- 21 you all had deposited; that difference was in parentheses. You see what I'm saying?
- 22 **Chuck Akers:** Yeah.
- 23 **Bill Harris:** So, we may need to just drop the parentheses unless...
- 24 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yeah, that's our fault for not being consistent on that.
- 25 **Bill Harris:** Yeah, yeah, okay.
- 26 Mary Quillen: Well, and this difference, when the bank has more is usually generally attributed
- 27 to interest.
- **Tim Scott:** That's typical, isn't it, Mr. Akers?

- 1 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yes, ma'am. That' typically. And typically, too, it's the interest plus, as Mr. Scott
- 2 had said, when the funds were switch between escrow accounts, the accounting sometimes, there
- 3 was some extra money that comes over, a payment that was missed.
- 4 Mary Quillen: Sure. Right. Any other questions from the Board? [No response] You may
- 5 continue, Mr. Scott.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have Madam Chairman.
- 7 Mary Quillen: Do I hear a motion for approval?
- 8 **Bill Harris:** I'll make a motion for approval, Ms. Chairman.
- 9 **Mary Quillen:** Do I hear a second?
- 10 **Rita Surratt:** Second.
- 11 Mary Quillen: We have a motion and a second for approval. All those in favor, respond by
- saying yes.
- 13 **Board:** Yes.
- 14 Mary Quillen: Opposed, no? [No response] Abstentions?
- 15 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Madame Chairman.
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** And I'll abstain, Madame Chairman.
- 17 Mary Quillen: Two abstentions. Mr. Scott, you motion is carried for approval.
- 18 <u>Item Number 16</u>
- 19 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- 20 known owners in Tract 10. Unit 504659. Docket Number VGOB 02-0521-1030-03. All those
- 21 wishing to speak to this item, please come forward.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Again, Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 23 Mary Quillen: You may continue.
- 24 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Akers, again, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- 25 description, please.
- 26 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> My name is Charles T. Akers; Land Manager with EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 27 **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with the disbursement request for this unit. Is that correct?

- 1 Chuck Akers: Yes, I am.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What's the basis for this disbursement?
- 3 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> A final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Action Number CL-16-115.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Again, an ownership conflict. Is that correct?
- 5 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** Okay, and once this application is approved, will the escrow account for this unit be
- 7 closed?
- 8 **Chuck Akers:** No, it will not, we still have some unknowns.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay, so it will remain open as to that tract. Is that correct?
- 10 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct, yes.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for this Tract 10, will the parties
- then receive their royalty checks directly?
- 13 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct, yes.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** Now, you've conducted a reconciliation. Is that correct?
- 15 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?
- 17 **Chuck Akers:** The account was funded to the positive of \$99.44.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** And that's based on your review of the escrow agent's reconciliation as well. Is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what's the date of that reconciliation?
- 22 Chuck Akers: October 30, 2015.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 24 Mary Quillen: Any questions from the Board? [No response]
- 25 **Butch Lambert:** One minute, Ms. Quillen, please.
- 26 Mary Quillen: Just one minute while they are conversing with counsel.

- Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Yeah, I'm still having technology problems still. On the, I guess, Deed
- 2 Book Number 376, Page 561, it has come to my attention that, I think some of this information
- 3 needs to be updated. I don't know if you all agree with that. Number 8, specifically.
- **Bill Harris:** Is this Page 3 that you're looking at, say it's Page #3 at the bottom?
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** Yes. You understand my question, Mr. Harris?
- **Bill Harris:** No, I...
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** Okay.
- **Bill Harris:** I found, but you're saying...
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Make sure you're at the right place.
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Yes, I'm on that page.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Page 3?
- Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Right. Item Number 8, Lease #241490/T11.
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** T11?
- 14 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Yes, Pioneer Coal. And is Clinchfield no longer in operation, or Texas, or
- 15 Pine Mountain? Or Pine Mountain, I guess, is.
- **Chuck Akers:** That's correct. It's the originally plat submitted with the permit.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Okay, so it's just the original plat, it doesn't reflect the update?
- **Chuck Akers:** Yes sir.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Okay.
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Well, and again, since you brought that up, the Charles W. Grizzle heirs are in
- yellow for Tract 10, and I don't see them referenced anywhere else.
- 22 Chuck Akers: That's the name of the tract that our action involved. EnerVest was successful in
- 23 quiet tie election to clear up the ownership.
- **Bill Harris:** I'm sorry, say that again.
- **Chuck Akers:** That was the tract that the quiet title action was involved with the Grizzle tract,
- 26 it's the same tract that this person relates to.
- **Mary Quillen:** That's Tract 10?

- 1 Chuck Akers: Yes ma'am.
- 2 Mary Quillen: Yeah, yeah, I see.
- 3 <u>Bill Harris:</u> It's in yellow and that's the tract that we're disbursing, but...
- 4 Mary Quillen: But they're not listed as...
- 5 **Bill Harris:** Does there need to be something that connects the Charles Grizzle heirs with the
- 6 EnerVest? I guess I'm a little confused.
- 7 Mary Quillen: If we're disbursing it...
- 8 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** Are we just disbursing Tract 10 here?
- 9 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.
- 10 **Bill Harris:** Okay.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Tract 10.
- 12 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Right. So, as long as, my thinking is, Mr. Scott, tell me if I'm off here,
- cause I'm having some serious technology issues and I'm...
- 14 Mary Quillen: Lambert Land and Clinchfield Coal Company/Resource Company and then the
- 15 Charles W. Grizzle heirs, but there's nothing on the disbursement to anyone except EnerVest.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** EnerVest was determined to be the owner of the tract.
- 17 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Tract 10.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** And they're entitled to the disbursement. Yes ma'am. So the litigation that was
- involved was just a quiet title as to the claim by Grizzle, who was originally force pooled
- because of their adverse claim. They're not entitled to receive these royalty payments. EnerVest
- 21 is, based on the ruling of Dickenson Circuit Court.
- 22 **Mary Quillen:** Okay.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** So, they would not be listed as any party that, they wouldn't even be listed at all
- 24 anymore.
- 25 **Mary Quillen:** Oh, okay. So, this was a court order?
- 26 **Tim Scott:** Yes ma'am.
- 27 Mary Quillen: Oh.
- 28 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Yeah, and it's part of the petition too. I'm looking at it.

- 1 **Tim Scott:** Yes, it is.
- 2 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Thank you. So, by operation of the order now, I don't have time to pick
- 3 through it, the respondents in the case, or the defendants in the case, lost.
- 4 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir. That's correct.
- 5 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: And the court deemed that EnerVest and the different entities listed as
- 6 plaintiffs, whatever permutations there are of that, but EnerVest is the gas owner here?
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Yes sir, that's correct.
- 8 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Okay. So, hence, the petition for disbursement?
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Yes sir.
- 10 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: On Tract 10?
- 11 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.
- 12 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Thank you for clearing that up. I apologize.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's alright. That's fine.
- 14 Mary Quillen: I thought you said that it was a court order when you verbalized the court order
- 15 number.
- 16 **Chuck Akers:** Yes ma'am. That's the CL-16-115. That's the court order number.
- 17 Mary Quillen: Any other questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr.
- 18 Scott.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have on this matter, Madam Chairman.
- 20 Mary Quillen: Do I hear a motion for approval?
- 21 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Motion for approval.
- 22 Mary Quillen: Second?
- 23 Rita Surratt: Second.
- 24 Mary Quillen: We have a motion and a second for approval. All those in favor, respond by
- 25 saying yes.
- 26 **Board:** Yes.
- 27 Mary Quillen: Opposed, no? [No response] Abstentions?

- 1 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Madam Chair.
- 2 **Butch Lambert:** I'll abstain, Madam Chair.
- 3 Mary Quillen: Two abstentions. You have approval.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Madam Chairman.

## 5 <u>Item Number 17</u>

- 6 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to distribute escrow funds to all
- 7 known owners in Tract 4, pursuant to HB 2058. Unit 536086. Docket Number VGOB 06-1219-
- 8 1838-02. All parties wishing to testify to this item, please come forward.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 10 Mary Quillen: You may continue.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Madam Chairman. Mr. Akers, again, your name, by whom you're
- 12 employed, and your job description.
- 13 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> My name is Charles T. Akers, Land Manager with EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with the disbursement request. Is that correct?
- 15 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** And again, what's the basis for this disbursement?
- 17 **Chuck Akers:** Final order issued by the Dickenson County Circuit Court. Number CL-16-115.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** If the Board approves our application and disbursements are made, will the escrow
- account for this unit be closed?
- 20 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for Tract 4, will the parties then
- receive their royalty checks directly?
- 23 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- 24 **Tim Scott:** And you have you reconciled the escrow agents reconciliation with yours. Is that
- 25 right?
- 26 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 27 **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?

- 1 Chuck Akers: The account had been funded to the positive of \$51.45. And on Exhibit J, it was
- 2 labeled as ending market value also. That's the final bank balance.
- 3 **Tim Scott:** There's \$51 more in the bank than the escrow agent's account?
- 4 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- 5 **Tim Scott:** Okay. And what's the date of that reconciliation?
- 6 **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- 7 Mary Quillen: Question on that. It says total payments. That was your deposits, was \$3,080.32,
- 8 but the bank is only showing a balance of \$3,028.87, which means the bank is shorter. So that
- 9 would be a negative, wouldn't it?
- 10 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yes, that's correct, it is to the negative \$51.45.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Yes, because the bank...\$51.45.
- 12 **Tim Scott:** I said that in error.
- 13 **Mary Quillen:** Okay.
- 14 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** So, but again, speaking to the way it's presented, the other difference was, you all
- had more than the bank, so this would be in parentheses then. Is that correct? This one should
- 16 be?
- 17 Mary Quillen: Yes, if you're looking at it from the point of view of...
- 18 **Bill Harris:** So, two items ago, or three, when I first brought the question up, that one needed not
- to be in parentheses and this one needs to be in parentheses, and that would make everything
- 20 consistent so that if you all showed more money than the bank did, that would be a positive, a
- 21 negative balance? See, I'm confusing myself now.
- 22 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Yes, it should be shown in parentheses.
- 23 **Bill Harris:** It should be shown in parentheses? The \$51.45 should be in parentheses?
- 24 Mary Quillen: Because there's less in the bank than the deposits that you show.
- 25 **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** For this item. But that first item that we were presented that had it in parentheses,
- does not need to show it in parentheses. Then that way, everything is consistent.
- 27 **Rick Cooper:** Ms. Chairman, if I could, I guess I'm seeing the confusion. It would be good if
- 28 EnerVest would agree to do it a certain way in the future so we won't have this confusion. I think
- is what's creating the problem.

- 1 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: CNX had this problem earlier, too, right? We've dealt with this before.
- 2 **Rick Cooper:** They did and they've color-coded theirs. They took, any negative is red and if it's
- 3 in parentheses, it's negative to the bank. That's the way CNX does that. So, they're looking at it
- 4 perceptively different. It's be great, as we move forward, that we could agree on what we're
- 5 going to look at, to avoid the confusion.
- 6 Mary Quillen: Alright, yes.
- 7 **Chuck Akers:** We're fine with that.
- 8 **Rick Cooper:** Fine on what?
- 9 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Showing it that way; in parentheses if it was under-funded, you know, showing it
- as a negative; and then showing it as a positive, if there's more in the account.
- 11 **Rick Cooper:** So, you're speaking from the bank perspective? Moving forward, if it is a
- negative for the bank, you'll have that in parentheses. Is that correct?
- 13 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- **Rick Cooper:** And if it does not have parentheses, it's a positive to the bank?
- 15 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> Correct, yes. We'll do that, going forward.
- 16 **Rick Cooper:** Thank you.
- 17 Mary Quillen: Okay, I think that will clarify everything for everybody. Any other questions
- 18 from the Board?
- 19 **Bill Harris:** I do have one other comment; and again, I think this is similar to, if we'll go to the
- 20 first page of petition and what's being factual basis for relief requested, petition to disburse funds
- 21 to all unknown owners of Tract 4 given the docket item, pursuant to HB2058 and CL-16-115.
- The CL-16-115, that refers to a court order?
- 23 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.
- 24 **Bill Harris:** Okay, and the court order basically denied the ownership to the folks we have listed,
- 25 the Charles Grizzle heirs, and gave that to EnerVest.
- 26 **Tim Scott:** Correct.
- 27 **Bill Scott:** Is that correct?
- 28 **Tim Scott:** Yes, that's correct.

- 1 <u>Bill Harris:</u> The thing that, I guess, is kind of confusing, if I didn't have that information, and
- 2 that's why I asked the question before, I'm wondering if it would be too much trouble to put a
- 3 statement in saying what the result of that court case, I don't know if we normally do that, but if I
- 4 just received this piece of paper and was reading over it, I would have the same question as I've
- 5 just asked; Charles Grizzle heirs shows the ownership but we're paying money to EnerVest.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** Well, that can be done, Mr. Harris.
- 7 **Bill Harris:** And I'm just saying that yes you reference a court order, but we don't have that
- 8 court order in front of us.
- 9 **Tim Scott:** What we'll do from this point on, with Mr. Akers permission...
- 10 **Bill Harris:** Is it in there? Where did I miss...
- 11 **Tim Scott:** We actually attached a copy of the order to the petition.
- 12 **Bill Harris:** Did I not go far enough? I may stand to be corrected. Oh, okay, at the end.
- Paul Kugelman, Jr.: That way when people read it, they're like "oh, okay".
- 14 **Bill Harris:** Yeah, okay.
- 15 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: I understand what you mean.
- 16 **Bill Harris:** I'm a simple person. It just would have been nice, up front, to say the result of this
- give ownership to EnerVest, because, well, okay. I guess I didn't ready far enough.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** That's simple enough to do, Mr. Harris. That's not a problem, we can do that.
- 19 **Bill Harris:** I just think that, and maybe I'm just, like I said, I'm a simple person. Maybe it's
- 20 being too obvious.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I like Reader's Digest versions too.
- 22 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Well, it's just nice to know. Okay.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** That will work. We'll do that.
- 24 **Bill Harris:** That's, anyway, I'm done questioning you now. Thank you.
- 25 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Thank you, Mr. Scott. Any other questions? [No response] You may continue.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers, on this matter.
- 27 Mary Quillen: Do I hear a motion for approval.

- Bill Harris: I'll move to approve the corrections to the different bank balances and EnerVest's
- 2 differences that we discussed earlier.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> The revised Exhibit J then, Mr. Harris?
- 4 **Bill Harris:** Revised Exhibit J. Yes.
- 5 **Tim Scott:** We can do that.
- 6 Mary Quillen: Okay, we a motion with the revised Exhibit J and a second. All those in favor,
- 7 respond by saying yes.
- 8 **Board:** Yes.
- 9 <u>Mary Quillen:</u> Opposed, no? [No response] Abstentions?
- 10 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Madam Chair.
- 11 **Butch Lambert:** I'll abstain.
- 12 Mary Quillen: Two abstentions. Your motion is approved.
- 13 <u>Item Number 18</u>
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- known owners in Tract 3, pursuant to HB 2058 and pursuant to Final Order CL-16-115. Unit
- 505214. Docket Number VGOB 07-0821-1990-01. All those wishing to speak to this item,
- 17 please come forward.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 19 **Butch Lambert:** You may continue.
- 20 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Akers, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job
- 21 description again, please.
- 22 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> My name is Charles T. Akers; Land Manager with EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you're familiar with this petition to disburse from the escrow account. Is that
- 24 right?
- 25 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- 26 **Tim Scott:** And what's the basis for this disbursement?
- 27 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> A final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Action Number CL-16-115.

- 1 **Tim Scott:** Once this application is approved and disbursements are made from the escrow
- 2 account, will this escrow account be closed for this unit?
- 3 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for this tract, will the parties then
- 5 received their royalty checks directly?
- 6 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- 7 Tim Scott: Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest escrow account figures with those of the
- 8 escrow agent?
- 9 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?
- 11 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> A negative of \$17.84. The escrow agent was showing \$1,716.72 and we were
- showing a total payment of \$1,698.88.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, the bank is showing less than or more than EnerVest, or is it the other way
- 14 around?
- 15 **Chuck Akers:** The bank is showing more.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** What was the date of that reconciliation?
- 17 **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 19 **Mary Quillen:** Are there any questions from the Board?
- 20 **Bill Harris:** So, we decided to keep the parentheses or not? Again...
- 21 **Tim Scott:** I think if there's a negative with the bank, then that's going to be in parenthetical,
- and then, otherwise, it will show to the positive. If there's less money with the escrow agent,
- 23 then, is that what we agreed to or am I just messing this up?
- 24 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: That's correct.
- 25 Mary Quillen: So, this will just need to have the revised Exhibit J, taking the parentheses away,
- 26 right?
- 27 **Bill Harris:** Is that what...okay.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Are there any other questions from the Board? [No response] Do I hear a motion
- 2 for approval?
- 3 <u>Bill Harris:</u> I'll make a motion for approval, with the revised Exhibit J.
- 4 Mary Quillen: Second?
- 5 Rita Surratt: Second.
- 6 Mary Quillen: We have a motion and a second for approval, with the revised Exhibit J. All
- 7 those in favor, respond by saying yes.
- 8 **Board:** Yes.
- 9 Mary Quillen: No? [No response] Abstain?
- 10 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Madam Chair.
- 11 **Butch Lambert:** I'll abstain, Madam Chair.
- 12 Mary Quillen: Two abstentions. The motion is approved.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Ms. Quillen.

#### 14 Item Number 19

- 15 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- known owners in Tracts 5 and 6, pursuant to Final Order of court listed in the petition. This is
- Docket Number VGOB 08-0617-2258-01. All those wishing to speak to this, please come
- 18 forward.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One more time Mr. Akers, where do you work and what
- do you do.
- 23 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> My name is Charles T. Akers; Land Manager with EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this disbursement request. Is that correct?
- 25 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> That is correct.
- 26 **Tim Scott:** And what's the basis for this disbursement?
- 27 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> A final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Number CL-16-115.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And that order was attached to our application or petition. Is that right?
- 2 **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Once this application is approved and disbursements are made, will that close the
- 4 escrow account for this unit?
- 5 **Chuck Akers:** No, there will still be some unknowns.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** Okay. Once the escrow account is disbursed for Tracts 5 and 6, will the royalty
- 7 payents be made directly to those parties going forward?
- 8 **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 9 **Tim Scott:** Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest escrow account with that of the escrow agent?
- 10 **Chuck Akers:** Yes.
- 11 **Tim Scott:** And what were the results of that reconciliation?
- 12 Chuck Akers: We were showing payments made of \$5,166.90 and the bank having a balance of
- \$5,256.11 for a difference of \$89.21, that was over-funded. Or the bank shows a positive of
- 14 \$89.21.
- 15 **Tim Scott:** What was the date of that reconciliation?
- 16 **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- 17 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- 18 Mary Quillen: Any questions from the Board?
- 19 **Bill Harris:** Yes, Exhibit J again, at the very end, the labeling is different than the other items.
- This says difference \$5,166.90, and then the next line does not have a label, and then the third
- 21 line has the \$89.21 in parenthesis, which I assume going forward, when corrected, the
- 22 parentheses will be removed.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** To the positive.
- 24 **Chuck Akers:** We'll go back through.
- 25 **Bill Harris:** Yeah, we'll need to correct that language there. The difference, that's not really the
- 26 difference.
- 27 Mary Quillen: It should be deposits.
- 28 **Chuck Akers:** Yes, it should be deposits.

- **Bill Harris:** And then the bank balance.
- 2 Mary Quillen: And then the bank balance. Yeah.
- **Chuck Akers:** That's correct.
- **<u>Bill Harris:</u>** And then the difference, yeah. Okay.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any other questions? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 8 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve with the corrected Exhibit J.
- **Bill Harris:** I'll second that.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All if favor,
- signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed no? [No response]
- **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** One abstention, Mr. Ratliff. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you.

### 17 <u>Item Number 20</u>

- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, to disburse escrow funds to all
- known owners in Tract 5, pursuant to the court order listed in the petition. Docket Number
- 20 VGOB 081021-2361-01. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott and Chuck Akers for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Akers, one more time, your name, by whom you're
- employed, and your job description.
- 25 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> My name is Charles T. Akers; my occupation is Land Manager. I'm with
- 26 EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?

- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what's the basis for this disbursement in this matter?
- 3 <u>Chuck Akers:</u> A final order from Dickenson County Circuit Court. Number CL-16-115.
- **Tim Scott:** And a copy of that order is attached in the petition. Is that correct?
- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct.
- 6 Tim Scott: And once the application is approved and disbursements are made, will the escrow
- 7 account for this unit be closed?
- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. And once the escrow account is disbursed for this tract, going forward, will
- those payments be made directly to the royalty owners?
- **Chuck Akers:** That is correct. Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. Have you reconciled EnerVest account with those figures of the escrow agent?
- 13 Chuck Akers: Yes. We're showing \$160,389.78 in payments made to the bank, and the escrow
- account has \$160,477.33, for a difference of \$87.55.
- **Tim Scott:** What was the date of that reconciliation?
- **Chuck Akers:** February 28, 2017.
- 17 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Akers.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any other questions?
- **Bill Harris:** Mr. Chairman, again, I guess we should note that the difference in showing in
- 20 parentheses and that needs to be corrected to show without the parentheses, since the escrow
- 21 account was greater than the total payments. I think that the agreed upon representation.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: If the bank shows more, it should not be in parentheses.
- **Tim Scott:** That is correct.
- 24 <u>Bill Harris:</u> Yes. So that needs to be corrected.
- **Tim Scott:** That Exhibit J will be revised and will be resubmitted.
- **Bill Harris:** Without the parentheses. I think that's the only...
- **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any other questions? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have, Mr. Chairman, for this matter.
- 3 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 4 Mary Quillen: Motion to approve with the revised Exhibit J.
- 5 **Bill Harris:** Second.
- 6 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? All if favor,
- 7 signify by saying yes.
- 8 **Board:** Yes.
- 9 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed no? [No response]
- 10 **Donnie Ratliff:** I'll abstain, Mr. Chair.
- 11 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> And I abstain. Two abstentions. Thank you, Mr. Scott. That is approved.
- 12 **Tim Scott:** Thank you.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Folks, appreciate it today.

# 14 <u>Item Number 21</u>

- 15 **Butch Lambert:** Okay, the next item on the agenda is the Board will receive an update of Board
- and Division activities from the staff. Mr. Cooper.
- 17 **Rick Cooper:** Yes, I would just like to update the Board on the disbursement totals that we have.
- So, for Fiscal Year 2017, July 1<sup>st</sup> of last year until current, there's been \$4,939,797.00. And since
- the coal dismissal legislation has been approved, there has been \$11,918,053.00 disbursed and
- over 200 accounts closed. That's all I have to report. Since this, we've had a lot of partial
- 21 accounts but there have been over 200 accounts closed since the coal dismissal legislation was
- 22 approved.
- 23 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.**: Out of how many?
- 24 **Rick Cooper:** 1,200.
- 25 **Butch Lambert:** Okay. Anything further?
- 26 **Rick Cooper:** That is all I have to report.

## <u>Item Number 22</u>

- **Butch Lambert:** Okay, the next item is approval of the April minutes. Do I have any additions
- 3 or corrections of the April minutes? If not, I'll entertain a motion?
- **Donnie Ratliff:** Move to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Chairman.
- **Bill Harris:** Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** All in favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.

- 8 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Opposed no? Those are approved. I'll entertain a motion to dismiss.
- **Mary Quillen:** Motion to dismiss.
- **Bill Harris:** Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** All in favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed no? We are dismissed.